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LETTER DATED 19 FEBRUARY 1993 FROM THE CHARGE D'AFFAIRES A.I.
OF THE PERMANENT MISSION OF YUGOSLAVIA TO THE UNITED NATIONS
ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

I have the honour to transmit, enclosed herewith, a letter from His Excellency Mr. Dobrica Ćosić, President of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia, addressed to you.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter and its annex circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Dragomir DJOKIC
Ambassador
Chargé d'affaires a.i.

Annex

Belgrade, 19 February 1993

I should like to inform you that the Croatian forces carried out another armed provocation on the border with the Republic of Montenegro, which constitutes a severe violation of the sovereignty and territorial integrity of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia. From their strongholds in the region of the villages of Dubravka, Česmina Glava, Pelimovo Brdo, Crna Ljut, the Croats opened mortar fire at 1230 hours, tank fire at 1315, and anti-aircraft machine-gun fire on the positions of the Army of Yugoslavia and civilian facilities in the region of the village of Stinica at 1505 hours. Despite all the interventions and calls for a cease-fire, the attack continues.

These are continued and brutal provocations that are part of a general "effort" of the Croatian side to provoke a conflict, drag the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia into war, and in that way relieve itself of the responsibility for its aggressive behaviour, especially for the aggression on the Republic of Serbian Krajina as a United Nations protected area. Mr. Ilija Djukić, Minister for Foreign affairs of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia, informed the Security Council in writing of similiar provocations that occurred on 23, 24, 25 and 28 January.

I avail myself of this opportunity to reaffirm to you, Mr. President, our firm commitment to settle all the conflicts in the territory of the former Yugoslavia in a peaceful way in the framework of the negotiations under the auspices of the world Organization. That is why the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia this time again refrained from an adequate response, convinced that the Security Council will take urgent measures in order to prevent the escalation of another war, which is evidently what the Croatian side would like to achieve.

I have confidence in the authority of the world Organization and the Security Council, and therefore expect an immediate and efficient action on their part.

(Signed) Dobrica ĆOSIĆ
President